



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING  
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**Project Title and No.: County of San Luis Obispo Ag. Preserves General Plan Amendments, LRP2015-00011, ED15-282**

**Project Location(Specific address):**  
See attached list (5 separate locations)

**Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:**  
See attached list/ /

**Project Location(County):**  
San Luis Obispo

**Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):**  
See attached list

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project**

A request by the County of San Luis Obispo to amend the Land Use Element land use categories from Rural Lands to Agriculture and Open Space and amend the Conservation and Open Space Element land use designations from Large Lot Rural to Agriculture (Land Under Conservation Contract) for properties recently put into agricultural preserves. The purpose of the request is to bring properties that do not currently have Agriculture or Open Space as a land use category within the Land Use Element, and properties that do not currently have Agriculture (Land Under Conservation Contract) as a land use designation within the Conservation and Open Space Element into conformance with the Rules of Procedure to Implement the Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act) by changing the categories and designations to Agriculture or Open Space.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of San Luis Obispo

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ministerial             | {Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268}       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Declared Emergency      | {Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)}    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Emergency Project       | {Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)} |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Categorical Exemption.  | {Sec. ____; Class: ____}        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Statutory Exemption     | {Sec. ____}                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | General Rule Exemption. | {Sec. 15061(b)(3)}              |

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed amendments will change less (or equally restrictive) land use categories & open space designations to more (or equally restrictive) land use categories & open space designations and will therefore not result in potential increases in physical effects on the environment. The proposed amendments will simply bring recently approved agricultural preserves into compliance with the Williamson Act provision that requires agricultural preserves to be under restrictive (protective) zoning.

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**Lead Agency Contact Person**

**Telephone**

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature Stephanie Fuhs Date May 18, 2016

Name (Print) Stephanie Fuhs Title Planner III

On \_\_\_\_\_ the project was Approved by:

- |                                               |                                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Supervisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission  | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Dept Hearing    |                                |

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2. Attig - Bruce Attig, 704 No. Juanita, Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
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4. Attiyeh Foundation - 210 S. Canyon View Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049  
(310) 394-3799  
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Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15329 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Stephanie Fuhs

May 18, 2016

for Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator

Date